Communication Committee

4/12/2023

Minutes

- Introductions & Norms- Each member was introduced.
- Establishing the when, how, and what is included in the three tiers (create sentence frames) - group work- There were 6 tables with the three tiers of incidences divided among them so that each group could provide feedback for each incident on how and what is communicated.
- **One word to wrap-up-** The wrap up included members being able to share thoughts and ask specific questions.
- Next meeting- May 10, 2023 6:00 pm- Agenda will include revising and finalizing the Tiered communication document

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Safety Communication Tiers

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Tier One- A Tier one incident is a low level of concern incident.

Incident	How	When	To whom
Ambulance called to a school	• Email	Within one day	Families involved
Fighting	Phone callEmail	 Within the same day 	 Families of involved students Email entire school community reminding of policies
Dangerous animal on property	Phone call		Families within the school
Vandalism	• Email	Within one school day	School community
Weather related school closures	Email and text	• the morning of, or as occurs	School and/or district
Facility issue	 Email and text with specific info for impact on students 	 the morning of, or as occurs 	
Alcohol or drugs on property Tier one or two?	Notify and meetBuilding wide alert	Immediately	Parents involved
Bus incident- Tier one or two? Dependent on type?		Immediately	Families involved

Tier Two- A Tier two incident is a medium level of concern incident.

Incident	How	When	To whom
Police on property- can be 2 or 3 depending on?	 Phone call to parents involved Robocall 	Within one day	 Families involved School community
Threats against particular students or staff	 Phone call to parents involved Text message with all details – what was the threat, who against, the investigation steps, and the outcome 	Immediately	 Families involved Entire district
Facility issues- depends on what?	EmailRobocall if dismissal	 Within one day Immediately for dismissal 	 Families involved
Bus incident- Tier one or two? Dependent on type?	Phone call	Immediately	Families involved
Vandalism depends- on what?	 If includes hate speech, sexually explicit material, threats email 		 School community
Alcohol or drugs on property Tier one or two?	 If specific to a child phone call to students involved Email reminder regarding drug/alcohol use policy 	ImmediatelyWithin one day	 Families involved School community

Tier Three- A Tier three incident is a High level of concern incident.

Incident	How	When	To whom
Gang related issue	Email and text	Within one day	 School community
Threat of gun or weapon violence	• Email, Robocall, Text	 Immediate- details as they come are shared 	Entire district
Bomb threats (real or perceived)	Email, Robocall, Text	 Immediate- details as they come are shared 	Entire district
Weapons on property	Email, Robocall, Text	 Immediate- details as they come are shared 	Entire district
Bus accident	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediately	Families involved
Fire department presence	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediately	Families involved
Threats against students and staff	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediate- details as they come are shared	 Families involved District community
Police on property	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediate- details as they come are shared	 Families involved District community
Social media threats	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediate- details as they come are shared	 Families involved District community
Student related tragedy in the community	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediate- details as they come are shared	 Families involved District community
Hate crimes	• Email, Robocall, Text	Immediate- details as they come are shared	 Families involved District community

Incidents involving multiple tiers will always be communicated based on hierarchy of concern.

Parking Lot/Other

- How is the greater community being informed about this work?
- How quickly are parents informed about an active shooter situation?
- Could childcare be offered to families so they can attend important meetings like this?
- Outreach to parents via classroom newsletters to increase participation. Not every parent reads district-wide emails but are more likely to read class or building level emails.
- Are teachers being encouraged to attend the Dialogue on Race meetings?
- Is law enforcement being asked to attend the Dialogue on Race meetings?

Follow-up:

- Do we need a rubric that defines incidences?
- Over communicating can lead to de-sensitization. Avoid repeated info in district emails.
- Concrete examples may be needed.
- A panel on safety and mental health via zoom would be good- include BOCES, law enforcement, mental health providers.
- Consider maintaining a calendar of incidences.
- Parents should have the ability to subscribe to info they want. Parent Square can help with this.
- Put a link on the home page to the new page where all of this information is being shared.
- A timeline for implementation will be helpful.
- Have specific questions for students to answer when they attend a meeting.